GIA Environmental Health and Safety Eye Protection Standard

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ABSTRACT: The purpose of this GIA standard is to define the basic elements and responsibilities of a site Eye Protection Program.

APPLICABILITY: This GIA standard shall apply to GIA facilities and operations worldwide, except where superseded by more stringent country and/or local regulations.

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1 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this GIA standard is to ensure that there are procedures for the protection of employees in situations where they are potentially exposed to eye injury.

1.1 SCOPE

This standard shall apply to GIA facilities and operations worldwide unless superseded by more stringent country and/or local regulations.

1.1.1 Policy

Eye protection must be utilized where there is a reasonable probability of injury that can be prevented.

1.2 RESPONSIBILITIES

This subhead describes the responsibilities of the persons involved in fulfilling the requirements of this document.

- Site Manager

  Ensure that an effective eye protection program is established and maintained.

- Department Manager/Supervisor

  Evaluate the workplace for potential eye hazards.

  Eliminate hazards where possible.

  Ensure that employees are supplied with and trained in the use of the appropriate required eye protection.

  Enforce these requirements for any employees contractor employees, and visitors in eye protection areas.

- Site Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S)

  Assist in the establishment and maintenance of an effective eye protection program.

  Assist in training to identify potential eye protection hazards and the need to adhere to the required use of eye protection.

  Evaluate and approve eye protection equipment prior to its use and/or procurement.

1.3 LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT FOR THIS STANDARD

The details of this GIA standard and all documentation associated with it, such as manuals, training materials, signs, labels, postings, and so forth, must be available in English and the accepted and official local languages.

2 PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

This subhead describes requirements for an eye protection program.

a. All eye protection areas shall be properly identified and posted. Such areas may include, but are not limited to:

   Production areas and operations
   Maintenance shops and operations
   Chemical handling areas and operations
   Laboratories

b. Department managers shall designate and document the location of eye protection areas with EH&S assistance and review.

c. Department managers shall contact site EH&S as conditions change and/or if there is a question about the designation of a particular area as requiring eye protection.

d. The use of eye protection shall not be limited to operators.

   Any Digital employees, contractor employees, and visitors who enter a designated eye protection area must wear the approved eye protection.

e. All industrial safety glasses and frames shall be approved according to the requirements of the country and local approval organization or by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Z87.1.

f. Basic eye protection shall consist of safety glasses with side shields.

g. Contact lenses shall not, under any circumstances, be worn in any designated eye protection area.

2.1 SPECIFIC EYE PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

- Chemical handling, pouring, and transportation

  Safety glasses with side shields and face shields shall be worn.

  WARNING

  Face shields are not considered safety glasses but are worn to protect against splashes and the potential for disfigurement.

- Gas/electric welding and cutting

  Protective filter lenses of the appropriate shade number in safety glasses with side shields or approved welding hood with appropriate shade number safety glass may be substituted.

- Grinding/milling/chipping

  Safety glasses and side shields shall be worn.

- Sandblasting/shot blasting

  Safety glasses and side shields shall be worn for enclosed blasting.

  Safety glasses and side shields under an approved sandblasting hood for external blasting

- Specialty operations

  Includes exposure to lasers and ultraviolet light

  To be addressed on an individual basis with site EH&S

2.2 AVAILABILITY OF EYE PROTECTION

Eye protection shall be provided to Digital employees or contractor employees, and visitors as follows.

- Approved prescription or nonprescription (plano) safety glasses with permanent or removeable side shields are to be available to Digital employees at no cost.
- Approved visitor glasses shall be used by visitors in eye protection areas.
- Approved visitor glasses may not be used by employees or contractor employees on a routine basis. They may be used temporarily until replacement glasses are obtained if permanent glasses are lost or broken.
- Contractor employees shall wear permanent eye protection that is approved by site EH&S. Determination of who shall supply and bear the cost of such protection shall be determined as part of the contract agreement.

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